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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming foreign priority)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:  
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**Toshihiko Katayama, and Yoichi Wakai**

For: **IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM**  
**USING THE SAME**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from 1) Japanese Application No. 2002-360983, filed on December 12, 2002; and 2) Japanese Application No. 2003-070527, filed on March 14, 2003.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 67 Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract  
☒ 19 Sheets of informal Drawings  
☐ Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
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☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

☒ Priority based on 1) Japanese Application No. 2002-360983, which was filed on December 12, 2002, and 2) Japanese Application No. 2003-070527, which was filed on March 14, 2003, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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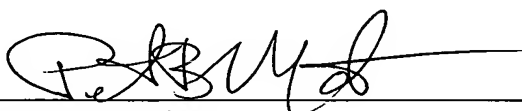
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